

FOR HADES ON EARTH.

The greed of the bankers passeth all understanding. Just what they expect to become of the country and themselves after the single standard remains in force a while does not seem to concern them at all. They remind us the fable about the dog that was crossing a foot log over the deep, clear stream. He was carrying a piece of beef in his mouth, and seeing his shadow in the water, concluded that he must whip the other dog (?) and have two pieces of beef. He dropped the piece he carried in his mouth and sprang upon his own shadow. The consequence was that he lost the beef he carried in his mouth, and, of course, failed to get the other piece. Same, or nearly all of the bankers are playing the same game. Here are resolutions recently passed by the Baltimore bankers:

Resolved, That we are unalterably opposed to the free coinage of silver, and to every debasement of our currency, in whatsoever form it may be presented; that we firmly and honestly believe that the true interests of our country will be best served by its rigid adherence to the gold standard of value, the continuance of which will not only preserve its financial integrity and the future welfare of its citizens from the wage earner to the capitalist, but will insure, through the prompt restoration of the confidence, that rapid development of its resources which will eventually place it first among the nations of the earth.

THEY ARE GETTING "SOUND MONEY."

Lewis B. Casner, proprietor of the Farmers' Bank, Decatur, Ill., has assigned. He owes \$123,000, \$90,000 being due depositors.

And now comes the story that the sound money, Clevelandized and Shermanized city of Richmond is bankrupt. But the two morning dailies continue to advocate a policy that will continue business assignments and municipal bankruptcy.

Julius A. Kohn, of the New York Stock Exchange has gone up the spout via the single standard route.

Rev. Dr. John Lanahan, a prominent Methodist minister at Baltimore, charges publicly that the Methodist book concern in New York is rotten to the core. He says the matter has been known for some time, but was hushed up to prevent damage to the denomination. He asserts that many thousands of dollars have been misapplied, and insists that there be a thorough investigation and that the guilty be punished.

The Public Ledger, a sound money morning daily at Auburn, N. Y., has made an assignment. The money that it didn't get is good in "Yurrip."

The Chadron Banking Company, Chadron, Neb., has closed its doors. Sound money wouldn't save it. Its liabilities are unknown.

Frank C. Smith, of New York, a prominent lawyer, editor of The American Lawyer, has been arrested charged with forging the names of numerous persons to checks. He had an income of \$5,000 a year as secretary of a law association.

Philip Rhinlander, a B. S. on sound money young man, has been arrested in New York for passing a worthless check. Now, if the business of the country can be done by means of checks (without any money) why arrest a man for issuing a check when he has no money in bank?

Messrs. Talbot & Sons, manufacturers of engines, boilers, &c., of Richmond, Va., well known in North Carolina, have failed in business. It was one of the oldest establishments of the kind in the country.

MOORE COUNTY MEETING.

Correspondence of the Progressive Farmer.

VILLANOW, N. C.
You ask for reports from county Alliances, and I thought I would give some facts, not for publication, but to use as you think best.

Our Alliance had a harmonious meeting at Crain's Creek Church on the 9th. E. M. Cole gave a very good speech on the history, progress and results of the organization. Mr. Bryan Tyson being on the grounds also made a short address. It was resolved to request Senator Marion Butler to address the people at Carthage at our next meeting in July. The reports from the various Subs in the county showed a healthy condition and some growth in membership.

Yours truly,

V. N. SEAWELL.

STATE NEWS.

Dream of the State Press—Drops of Turpentine and Grains of Rice from the East—Clusters of Grapes and Tobacco Stems from the North—Stalks of Corn and Grains of Wheat from the West—Peanuts and Cotton Seed from the South.

Wilmington will invite the next session of the S. U. Baptist convention to meet there.

The first ripe strawberries of the season from a Wilmington garden were gathered last week.

It is stated that Carolina Beach near Wilmington will not be opened as a summer resort this year.

The News and Observer says that a large acreage will be planted in hops at Southern Pines next fall.

Miss Mary Jane Spivey, of Moore county, has mysteriously disappeared and no trace of her can be found.

The Fayetteville people are moving to secure the re-establishment of the United States arsenal at that place.

The Waynesville dispensary (liquor traffic conducted by the town) has made a profit of \$1,986.47 the past year.

The cold has killed three-fourths of the peaches at Mr. J. Van Lindley's nurseries, says the Greensboro Record.

The Hickory Press has charged hands and from being a straight-out Democrat it is to be a Radical exponent.

The Greensboro Record says the wife of a bank cashier at High Point gave birth to three girl babies Tuesday morning.

Franklin Press: The intermingling of the frost and peach blooms last Sunday morning knocked out most of the peach crop.

Asheville Citizen: Advice as to the peach crop of this section are to the effect that there will be scarcely more than a half crop.

The residence of T. W. Prather, of Mt. Airy, was burned last week. Insurance, \$1,250 on house and furniture. The house cost \$1,800.

At Louisville last Thursday fire destroyed the fine residence of Mrs. A. F. Neal. Loss on building \$4,000, insured for \$2,000. The furniture was damaged \$500.

Albert Franklin and his wife charged with poisoning Foy Green, Mrs. Franklin's first husband, were found guilty of murder in the second degree at Lehigh.

The Standard says the members of the First Presbyterian church of Concord have presented their pastor, Rev. W. C. Alexander, with an elegant new bicycle.

Henderson Gold Leaf: Charlie Cook, a young colored man of Henderson, was killed by a freight train on the Seaboard Air Line about four hundred yards this side of Kittrell last Thursday. He and another boy went up there the day before, stealing a ride on the train.

One day last week two sons of Mr. W. P. Farrell, aged 14 and 15 years respectively, walked six miles and saved 175 crows. It is said to be a good day's work for two men to save 100 ties, so that these two boys did as much as four men usually do, says the Chatham Record.

Newbern Journal: One industry leads to another. Already this truth is being exemplified in the case of the tobacco growing which is being developed with rapidity in this region. The movement is yet in infancy, but barns for curing have to be erected and suitably fired up.

Shelby Aurora: The late trial of Sam Pearson will cost Burke county at least \$1,000, and the whole cause was whiskey, yet those who voted the wet ticket say it is good to have the money paid in for license. How much will you have left after footing this bill, so says the Burke Populist?

Mr. W. R. Bond, of Kingston, dealer in furs, hides, etc., was tried in that town before A. J. Loftin, U. S. Commissioner on the charge of using the United States mail for fraudulent purposes. He was bound over to the Federal Court at Newbern in the sum of \$300. Court begins on the 28th of this month.

Maj. C. Dowd, of Charlotte, is gathering the material preparatory to writing a biography of the late Senator, and will have the co-operation of Gen. R. B. Vance. For a number of years Maj. Dowd was Senator Vance's law partner, and his intimate friend to the end. He invites correspondence, and will thank any one having letters from Senator Vance for the use of them.

Mr. James F. M. Ferrell, of Mallard Creek township has been doing duty this week as a juror in the criminal court. Early this morning he went into Equire Maxwell's office and began to talk queer. It was evident that he was insane, and being informed of the matter, Judge Meares ordered that he be discharged from duty, paid off and sent home, says the Wilmington Messenger.

Rocky Mount Argonaut: Two Mormon elders are traveling through Nash county on foot distributing tracts explaining the doctrines of their church. They were in Castalia township last week. They are thought to be in the employment of a Board of Southern Missions, with headquarters at Chattanooga, Tenn.

There was a big gold find at Reed Mine in Cabarrus county, last week. It was found by a man by the name of Jake Shinn. It is the second largest nugget ever found in the United States. The first and largest find in the United States was in 1803 and weighed 28 pounds. This one weighed 22½ pounds and is worth \$4,800.

There was a forest fire in Cumberland county, last week, that destroyed 10,000 acres of the finest long leaf pine timber in that section. The loss is over one hundred thousand dollars. One house, many barns, and miles of fencing and many cattle were burned. Rain checked the fire, which threatened the town of Fayetteville.

Rockingham Index: Mrs. Jennie Liles, who lived near Pee Dee Station, died a few days ago. She was about 87 years of age. The Rev. Thomas Lavin died at his mother's on last Saturday. He was one of the ministers of the N. C. M. E. Conference, but for several years his health has prevented his taking work.

Wilkesboro Chronicle: Mr. Hampton Wiles, of Rock Creek, had not heard out of one ear in twelve months, and he had Dr. Turner to examine it. The doctor found a big roach bug in his ear. He took it out and Wiles now can hear all right. The doctor tells us this is the second time this year he has taken roaches out of people's ears.

The Asheville Citizen says: A notable example of the possibilities of Buncombe as a fruit growing county is had in the experience of Commissioner J. Frank Wells. Mr. Wells has just completed the work of measuring his apple crop, and found that he raised 2,000 bushels. He has sold the entire crop, and the price realized averaged 50 cents a bushel.

Mr. B. T. Bonner, who does a big logging business on Blount's Creek Bay, tells of a singular accident that happened a week ago to day. A yoke of steers hitched to a heavy carry log fell over an embankment 38 feet, and strange to say no damages were done to the oxen or the carry log. It was a very wonderful escape, says the Washington Gazette.

Charlotte News: Mr. T. A. Thomas, who farms three miles from the city on the R. Zell's ferry road, met with quite a misfortune by fire yesterday. He had a large quantity of wood corded up about his new ground, and was cleaning off the ground. Fire from the brush heaps spread to his cord wood and it was totally consumed. About fifty cords were lost.

Winston Sentinel: Ardon Dean, in company with his brother, Lutan, were putting the roof on a tobacco barn near White Road, this county, a few days ago, when a corner stone burst, throwing the barn flit on the ground. The former brother fell through on the inside and the latter on the outside. Both were painfully hurt, but it is thought they will recover.

Elenton Courier: The old Dismal Swamp Canal is to be overhauled, or completely reconstructed. It is to extend from a place on the Elizabeth river, four miles from Norfolk, to a place at which the canal empties into the Pamlico river near South Mills, N. C. There are to be ten turn outs provided between these two places. Each turn out is to be 20 feet wide on the bottom and at least 200 feet long, curving out at each end to make uniform connection with the banks. A feeder, to be about three miles long, will be constructed to Lake Drummond.

Rev. C. E. Taylor, D. D., president of Wake Forest College, was here last week. Some time ago the Baptist Educational Society made a proposition to Wake Forest College to give \$5,000 towards endowing a chair of English in honor of the late Dr. Wm. Royal, who was professor of English in that institution, if the College would meet the \$5,000 with \$20,000 more, making the endowment for that department \$25,000. Dr. Taylor has been working hard to raise the money, and said here last week that he thought he was on his last \$1,000, says the Scotland Neck Democrat.

There was some excitement at Maxton Saturday over an alligator ten and a half feet long, killed that day in Shoe Heel Creek. This, we think, is the solution of what became of the young alligator shipped from From Florida to Mr. Dan Maglen at this place about 4 years ago. It disappeared one night soon after arrival and was like "the cat that never came back." This was a dangerous varmint to be wallowing in our streams and we believe, to follow example of the Wilmington Star, on one occasion, that the fellow that killed it, ought to be titled, says the Laurinburg Exchange.

SLAVE OWNERS' BUREAU

Denied the Use of the Mails on the Report of a Postoffice Inspector.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 13.—Postmaster General Wilson to day declared that the United States ex slave owner's Registration Bureau, of Washington, D. C., was in violation of the postal regulations and was not entitled to the privilege of the mails.

This bureau was but recently incorporated under the laws of the district and the department made an investigation of its methods of business. It was ascertained that three of the incorporators of the bureau gave Washington as their residence, but none resided in the district as the incorporation stated. They have just established offices here, but began doing business in a sub office in Savannah, Ga., several weeks ago by sending out literature. The plan of the bureau was to secure a record of all persons holding slaves on January 1st, 1863. Instructions and blanks were sent out to ex slaveholders or their heirs for them to state the number of slaves owned and their sex. These blanks were to be filled out by ex slaveholders, and returned to the bureau with a fee of from one to five dollars. The bureau promised to have bills introduced in Congress looking to repayment of slaves. The report of the Post office Inspector is that the scheme is a fraud pure and simple.

WILL MEET IN ST. LOUIS.

The National Association of Democratic Clubs Fixes Sept. 30th as the Date.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 14.—The executive committee of the National Association of the Democratic Clubmen at the Ebbitt House here at noon today. Of fourteen members comprising the committee, twelve were present. Congressman McMillan, of Tennessee, presided. St. Louis, Mo., was selected as the place and September 30th, as the time for holding the annual convention of the National Association of Democratic clubs. Secretary Hardner was directed to communicate with the officers of all clubs belonging to the Association and request them to meet the general officers of the Association at Chicago, Ill., for conference on July 6th. Resolutions were adopted thanking the Southern Railway. Headed by Senator Faulkner and General Black, the committee at 2:30 o'clock called at the White House and paid their respects to the President and then adjourned sine die.

FIRE IN NEW YORK.

The Loss Over Half a Million Dollars.

NEW YORK, April 14.—A fire alarm box which happened to be out of order and a defective water tower, the machinery of which failed to work when was most needed, cost the dry goods merchants and the insurance companies of this city over a half million dollars tonight. The fire originated in the five story building, No. 78 Grand street, which with an adjoining building at No. 33 Green street, is occupied by C. A. Auffmordt & Co. importers and agents of foreign dry goods firms. The first building was totally wrecked but the firemen prevented the flames from doing much damage to the latter. Estimates of the total damages vary from \$200,000 to \$750,000. The insurance on stock is nearly \$1,000,000.

MILLIONS FOR DEFENCE.

The Fortifications and Coast Defence Bill Passes the House.

WASHINGTON, April 14.—The House to day passed, without division, and practically without objection, the bill making appropriations for fortifications and coast defences. Its passage was advocated by Messrs. Hainer (Republican), of Nebraska; Sayers (Democrat), of Texas; Bartlett (Democrat), of New York; Livingston (Democrat), of Georgia; Hemenway (Republican), of Indiana; and Cannon (Republican), of Illinois, all members of the Committee on Appropriations; and by Mr. Baker (Republican), of New Hampshire.

The latter criticised the committee for not going further, and appropriating all the money asked by Generals Flagler and Craighead.

Mr. Berry (Democrat), of Kentucky, was the only opponent of the bill. He said the money would be better spent in building ships than in fixed batteries. The Secretary of War estimated that \$8,045,163 could be expended in the coming year. The bill carries specific appropriations amounting to \$5,842,337; and authority is given the Secretary of War to make contracts involving the further expenditure of \$5,542,270; making the total authorized expenditure in the bill, \$11,384,614.

The following shows the aggregate amount appropriated and authorized by contracts under each sub division of the bill—namely: Gun and mortar batteries, \$5,260,000; sites for fortifications, \$250,000; preservation and repair of fortification, \$50,000; plans for fortifications, \$17,975; torpedoes for harbor defences, \$100,000; armament for fortifications, \$5,102,673; proving grounds, Sandy Hook, N. J., \$38,000; Watertown arsenal (Massachusetts), \$43,500; Benicia arsenal (California), \$4,500; Watervliet arsenal (New York), \$3,105; Ordnance and Fortification Board, \$100,000; Fortress Monroe sewerage system, \$9,860.

The House agreed to the conference report upon the legislative, executive, judicial appropriation bill, as far as the conferees had agreed, and ordered another conference upon the matters still in dispute between the two houses, to which there are something over 100, out of 314 items added by the Senate.

NEW JERSEY ELECTIONS.

Republicans Generally Victorious, but by Reduced Majorities.

TRENTON, N. J., April 14.—Chart elections were held throughout this State to day, and as this is the presidential year, considerable interest was taken in the result. While the Republicans, generally speaking, have been victorious all over the State, nevertheless their majorities have been cut down, and they have lost in one or two of the places where they felt safe.

The hottest fight was in Newark, where James M. Seymour headed the Democratic ticket, and Julius A. Lebucher, the Republican. The R. publicans became dissatisfied, and openly said so, but notwithstanding this, his friends claimed he would be elected. The result was that the Democrats went to work, and when the returns were footed up to night, it was discovered that their standard bearer carried the day by 3,000. The new Board of Public Works of Newark, which was also an important factor, will stand two Democrats and two Republicans. The Republicans elected thirteen of the sixteen aldermanic candidates, and will control the Council.

In Trenton, the Republicans elected a majority of the councilmen and the citizens' ticket won the fight for the control of the exercise board, taking it out of politics. Jersey City went Democratic by a majority of 2,000 and the board of aldermen has twenty Democrats to five Republicans. In Paterson, the Republicans elected four aldermen, the Democrats three and the Socialists one. The election of the Socialist, McGuire, in a ward which usually gives a Democratic majority of between eight hundred and one thousand, was the surprise of the day.

In Passaic, the Republicans were victorious, as they were also in Rahway and Elizabeth. In Flemington, the Republicans have elected the majority, but the vote for Mayor resulted in a tie and another election to fill that office will have to be held. Orange is again placed in the Democratic column, as is also the towns of Belvidere and Englewood.

At Asbury Park, an election was held to vote on an appropriation for the construction of a cycle path between that place and Trenton. The proposition was carried by an immense majority and the citizens of Asbury and thereabouts are happy.

A REAL BATTLE IN CUBA.

The Government Troops Caught in a Trap—Both Sides Claim Victory.

HAVANA, April 14.—News has been received here of a battle near Lecchuza between Alphonso XIII. Battalion, under the command of Colonel Debos, and the insurgent force under Maceo. Col. Debos reports that his battalion, in combination with other bodies of Spanish troops, left Mariel, in the province of Pinar del Rio, for the purpose of giving the enemy battle. He met the advance guard of the insurgents, consisting of a force of 200 cavalry, who opened fire upon the government column. The Spaniards continued their march toward Lecchuza, although opposed at every step, and every elevation being occupied by them at the cost of a fight. Upon arriving in the vicinity of Lecchuza they found the insurgents gathered in strong forces and the enemy made an attempt to surround the Spanish column.

The Spanish troops fought with great desperation against heavy odds, but were defeated, with losses of many killed and wounded. Divining the intention of the enemy to encircle his column, Colonel Debos ordered retreat. In the retreat Captain Tert deserves great praise for maintaining the formation of the rear guard, though attacked by a greatly superior force of the enemy's infantry. The Spanish column retired to San Claudio estate, on the north coast, where the troops fortified themselves, awaiting the arrival of other government columns. General Inclan arrived with his column very opportunely, and the troops under Col. Debos were also protected by the gunboat Alenta, which kept the enemy at bay. Col. Debos estimates that the force of the insurgents who charged upon his command numbered 5,000 men. The official report says the losses of the enemy must have been very great, as many men were seen to fall.

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before the fire of the Spanish troops. The government column, according to the official report, lost four men killed and one officer, and thirteen soldiers wounded; but the fact is that the government losses were heavy, details being withheld by the authorities. A civilian who volunteered to carry news of the predicament of the government column to the nearest fort ran the gauntlet of the rebel fire, and was compelled to jump into the water twice to save himself. Gen. Inclan reports that upon his arrival at Col. Debos' camp he compelled Maceo to retreat from San Claudio.

WEATHER AND CROPS.

Reports to the Agricultural Department From Southern States.

WASHINGTON, April 14.—Weekly weather and crop bulletin of the Agricultural Department.

North Carolina—Raleigh—Week unfavorable for growth; early part too cool, with severe frost, injuring fruit and young vegetables; corn planting progressing rapidly, and large areas are fertilized and ready for cotton; first shipment of strawberries April 10th; some corn up, but warm, gentle rains are greatly needed to cause germination of seeds.

South Carolina—Columbia—Week favorable for farm work; seed germinating slowly, owing to cool, dry weather; upland corn planted and up in eastern counties; cotton planting general; some up; grain looking promising, with slow growth; early fruit injured, but late varieties safe.

Georgia—Atlanta—Warm, dry week; very favorable for vegetation and farm work; bulk of corn planted and up to good stands, and being worked in central and southern counties; cotton planting the order of the day in southern portion and ground being put in condition for planting in northern portion; fruit very promising.

Florida—Jacksonville—Temperature below the normal, and excepting over the southern district, marked deficiency in precipitation; all farm work being actively prosecuted; cotton planting about finished, except over sections of west and in southern districts marked deficiency in precipitation; all farm work being actively prosecuted; cotton planting about finished, except over sections of west and north districts; corn, fruit, and vegetable interests satisfactory, but the copious rain in general demand, and unless in a few days serious injury will result.

Alabama—Montgomery—Warm and very favorable week; corn one half and cotton two fifths planted, and both coming up in southern portions, with good stands; all other crops growing well; fruit in excellent condition, except pears dropping; uplands need rain.

Mississippi—Vicksburg—Favorable weather; corn nearly all planted and some coming up; oats promising; fruit and garden truck doing well; worms damaging corn, tomatoes, and cabbage locally.

Louisiana—New Orleans—The week favorable for plowing and planting, and late showers will germinate late seeded cotton and corn; excessive rains in northwest parishes will delay farm work a few days; no damage from strong winds to fruit; warmer weather will benefit all crops.

Texas—Galveston—Showery weather has retarded farm work over the central and southern portions of the State, while dry weather has been injurious over portions of northwest Texas; some cotton is up and growing fairly well, except in localities where dry weather has prevailed. Corn and wheat are doing very well.

Arkansas—Little Rock—Weather favorable for planting and growth; corn planting nearly completed, and early planting coming up to a good stand; cotton planting begun and will be general the ensuing week; wheat, oats and potatoes doing well; fruit prospects excellent.

Tennessee—Nashville—Most favorable week for farming this season; plowing and planting corn and other seeds pushed vigorously; wheat improved, and condition generally fine; oats, clover, and grasses growing well; some cotton planted in southern portions; fruit prospects good; season two weeks late.